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1. EC FOREIGN MINISTERS, AT THEIR JULY 12 POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING IN BRUSSELS, APPROVED TWO DOCUMENTS ON CSCE PREPARED BY THEIR POLITICAL DIRECTORS (REFTEL). FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING, WAS REPRESENTED BY HIS POLITICAL DIRECTOR.

2. THE FIRST DOCUMENT WAS A REPORT ON THE STATE OF

PREPARATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER CSCE PLENARY MEETING. MFA PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR DE SCHOUTEETE TOLD US THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE WAS MERELY TO SHOW THE FOREIGN MINISTERS "THAT WE ARE ALL WORKING" AND THAT THE NINE WOULD BE READY WHEN THE OCTOBER PLENARY ROLLS AROUND. DE SCHOUTEETE SAID THAT THE BELGIAN PRESIDENT TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE NINE WOULD HAVE TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER BEFORE BELGRADE AND DISCUSS "FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS" ABOUT THE CSCE PLENARY, FOREMOST AMONG THEM BEING THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT CSCE WOULD BE THE MAIN TOPIC UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE SEPTEMBER 5-6 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING, BUT IT ALSO COULD REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS THEMSELVES.

3. DE SCHOUTEETE SAID THAT ONE FOREIGN MINISTER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COORDINATION ON CSCE WITH THE U.S. AND NATO ALLIES AND REMINDED HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE GOOD COOPERATION FOR THE HELSINKI AND GENEVA MEETINGS. DE SCHOUTEETE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ENDORSED SUCH COORDINATION WITHOUT DEBATE OR DISSENT.

4. DE SCHOUTEETE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROVED THE SECOND DOCUMENT - A STATUS REPORT ON THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE - "PRACTICALLY WITHOUT COMMENT" AND INSTRUCTED THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO REVIEW
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THIS AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 5-6 MEETING. DE SCHOUTEETE SAID THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS "NOTED BUT DID NOT DISCUSS" THE QUESTION OF THE KIND OF REPRESENTATION THE NINE WOULD HAVE AT THE BELGRADE CSCE PLENARY, INCLUDING EASTERN EUROPEAN OPPOSITION TO REPRESENTATION OF THE NINE AND THE "NOT FULL COOPERATION" OF THE UNITED STATES. CHAMBERS

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